

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cap for a container, comprising:

a cap body, the cap body comprising a retaining portion for engaging the container and a cover member, the cover member further including a frangibly removable portion which is removable to expose at least partly a stopper for the container, and a user engageable member operable by a user to remove the removable portion; and

a protective portion for the engageable member and provided radially outwardly of the cover member, the protective portion being formed separately of the cap body and being attached thereto about an outer edge of the cover member, the protective portion comprising a wall which extends generally about the periphery of the engageable member, extending to a height in line with, or above, the upper surface of the engageable member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The cap of Claim 1, wherein the ~~protective portion comprises a wall which extends generally about the periphery of the engageable member, the wall having~~ further defines at least one opening therethrough.

4. (Currently amended) The cap of Claim 3, wherein said opening is sufficiently large to allow radial access by a user's finger to the engageable member.

5. (Previously presented) The cap of Claim 4, wherein the opening allowing such radial access is located opposite to a portion of the cap body which connects the engageable member and the removable portion.

6. (Previously presented) The cap of Claim 1, wherein the removable portion has an inclined surface to assist drainage thereof when the cap is in an upright position.

7. (Currently amended) The cap of Claim 1, wherein the protective portion is in the form of a removable cover over ~~from about~~ the engageable member.

8. (Currently amended) A package comprising a container with a mouth, a stopper removably inserted into said mouth, a cap overlying said stopper, wherein the cap comprises a cap body provided with a frangibly removable portion which is removable to expose at least partly the stopper and with a user engageable member operable by a user to remove the removable portion, and wherein the cap further comprises a protective portion for the engageable member and provided radially outwardly thereof, the protective portion being formed separately of the cap body and being removably attached thereto about an outer perimetrical rim of the cap body, the protective portion comprising a wall which extends generally about the periphery of the engageable member, extending to a height in line with, or above, the upper surface of the engageable member.

9. (Previously presented) The cap of Claim 1, wherein said cap is provided with a tamper-evident member that is removably attached to the cap.

10. (Previously presented) The cap of Claim 9 wherein said tamper-evident member is a ring which engages beneath a lip of the container.

(11. (New) The cap of claim 1, wherein the cap material comprises polypropylene or polyethylene.

12 (New) The cap of claim 1, wherein the protective portion is removably attached to the cap body by a screw fit or a snap fit.